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YAZOO BACKWATER AREA REFORMULATION

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1. Cultural resource investigations are required as per Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The intent of these studies is to identify, evaluate, and protect/manage cultural resources that possess significance. Resources that may be identified within the Yazoo Backwater Area Reformulation project area include prehistoric archeological sites, historic farmsteads, cemeteries, standing structures, places associated with important events and traditional cultural properties, etc.
2. The project area is situated within five Mississippi counties (Warren, Issaquena, Humphreys, Sharkey, and Washington) and the portion of one Louisiana parish (Madison) that is located east of the Mississippi River (see Plate 1, Appendix 4). For the purposes of this investigation, the study area is defined as all areas within these six counties/parish. Recorded cultural resource data for all of the counties/parish are included in this study.
3. All alternatives were considered in the cultural resources literature and records review. The review was conducted in January 2000 and involved the examination of holdings housed at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History—the archeological site cards, the standing structure forms, the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and other pertinent documents and maps; e.g., soil survey data, cultural resource reports, local histories, U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps, and aerial photography. In addition, the Louisiana Division of Archaeology was consulted regarding the portion of Madison Parish located east of the Mississippi River.

4. A literature and records review was conducted to ascertain whether any previously recorded or known prehistoric and historic cultural resources were located in or adjacent to the project study area and determine what types of cultural resources might be expected in the study area. The results of the literature review are presented in Tables 15-1 and 15-2.

5. Approximately 1,515 archeological sites have been recorded within the study area. These sites are listed by county/parish (Table 15-1). A total of 111 NRHP eligible properties have been listed within the study area (Table 15-2). There have been 331 cultural resource surveys conducted within the study area. The proposed pump structure site location has previously been subjected to a cultural resources survey (Yarbrough, 1981), and no significant cultural resources were identified (see Attachment 1). No other structures are planned for the project.

TABLE 15-1
ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES RECORDED WITHIN THE STUDY AREA
JANUARY 2000

County/Parish	Total Number of Recorded Archeological Sites	Total Number of Recorded Archeological Studies	Total Number of National Register for Historic Places Sites
Humphreys	207	46	4
Issaquena	106	16	2
Sharkey	149	31	5
Warren	205	73	62
Washington	286	54	17
Yazoo	342	71	10
Madison Parish, LA	220	40	11

TABLE 15-2
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
LISTED PROPERTIES
BY STATE AND COUNTY/PARISH
JANUARY 2000

Name	Address	City	Listed Date	Multiple Reference Number(s)
MS - Humphreys				
Belzoni Mound (22HU500)	Address Restricted	Belzoni	19980413	88000305
Jaketown Site	Address Restricted	Belzoni	19730619	73001017
Midnight Mound Site (22HU509)	Address Restricted	Midnight	19860425	86000870
Parker--Summerfield Mound Archeological Site	Address Restricted	Midnight	19970321	97000251
Slate Archeological Site	Address Restricted	Lake City	19820708	82003102
MS - Issaquena				
Aden Site (22Is509;22M3)	Address Restricted	Valley Park	19881214	88002698
Mayersville Archeological Site	Address Restricted	Mayersville	19800429	80002250
MS - Sharkey				
Cary Site (22Sh507)	Address Restricted	Cary	19881214	88002705
Leist A Site (22Sh520;22N1)	Address Restricted	Rolling Fork	19881214	88002700
Rolling Fork Mounds	SW of Rolling Fork	Rolling Fork	19741018	74001065
Savory Site (22-Sh-518)	Address Restricted	Holly Bluff	19880728	88001141
Spanish Fort Site (22SH500)	Address Restricted	Holly Bluff	19880406	88000234
MS - Warren				
McNutt House	NW corner of Monroe and E. 1st Streets	Vicksburg	19750529	75001059
Mississippi River Bridge Spans	Mississippi River on Old US 80	Vicksburg	19890214	Historic Bridges of Mississippi TR 88002423
1300 Grove Street House	1300 Grove Street	Vicksburg	19831129	83003976
Anchuca	1010 1st E. St.	Vicksburg	19820322	82003113

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Name	Address	City	Listed Date	Multiple Reference Number(s)
Balfour House	1002 Crawford St.	Vicksburg	19711026	71000458
Beck House	1101 South St.	Vicksburg	19790329	79001336
Belle Fleur	1123 South St.	Vicksburg	19920507	92000469
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church	805 Monroe St.	Vicksburg	19920730	Vicksburg MPS 92000858
Beulah Cemetery	Jct. of Openwood St. and Old Jackson Rd.	Vicksburg	19921023	Vicksburg MPS 92001404
Biedenharn Candy Company Building	1107-1109 Washington St.	Vicksburg	19771202	77000793
Big Black River Railroad Bridge Spans	Big Black River	E of Bovina	19881116	Historic Bridges of Mississippi TR 88002418
Blum House	1420 Cherry St.	Vicksburg	19920730	Vicksburg MPS 92000859
Bobb House	1503 Harrison St.	Vicksburg	19790108	79001337
Bonham, Isaac, House	601 Klein St.	Vicksburg	19770526	77000794
Cedar Grove	2200 Oak St.	Vicksburg	19760719	76001107
Chickasaw Bayou Battlefield	N of Vicksburg on U.S. 61	Vicksburg	19730424	73001028
Church of the Holy Trinity	South and Monroe Sts.	Vicksburg	19780522	78001633
Confederate Avenue Brick Arch Bridge	Confederate Ave.	Vicksburg	19881116	Historic Bridges of Mississippi TR 88002421

TABLE 15-2 (Cont)

Name	Address	City	Listed Date	Multiple Reference Number(s)
Confederate Avenue Steel Arch Bridge Spans	Jackson Rd. in Vicksburg National Military Park	Vicksburg	19900905	Historic Bridges of Mississippi TR 88002483
Craig-Flowers House	2011 Cherry St.	Vicksburg	19840802	84002352
Davis-Mitchell House	901 Crawford St.	Vicksburg	19820601	82003114
Fairground Street Bridge Spans	ICG RR yard on Fairground St.	Vicksburg	19881116	Historic Bridges of Mississippi TR 88002420
Federal Fortifications Along Bear Creek		SW of Youngton	19740830	74001066
Feld House	2108 Cherry St.	Vicksburg	19820802	82003115
Fitz-Hugh Hall	1322 Chambers St.	Vicksburg	19861106	86003030
Flowerree, Col. Charles C., House	2309 Pearl St.	Vicksburg	19750529	75001058
Fonsylvania	Fisher Ferry Rd.	S of Vicksburg	19840907	84002355
Galleries, The	2421 Marshall St.	Vicksburg	19800417	80002303
Green, Duff, House	806 Locust St.	Vicksburg	19790111	79001338
Grove Street Houses	1117 and 1121 Grove St.	Vicksburg	19800508	80002304
Guider House	1115 Grove St.	Vicksburg	19800508	80002305
Harding, P. M., House	1402 Chambers St.	Vicksburg	19860717	86001674
Hotel Vicksburg	801 Clay St.	Vicksburg	19790604	79001339
Hullum, Joel and Margaret, House	749 Mallet Rd.	Vicksburg	19840705	84002358
Warren Johnson, Fannie Willis, House	2430 Drummond St.	Vicksburg	19880408	88000241
Knox, Dr. Isaac Cecil, House	2823 Confederate Ave.	Vicksburg	19900918	90001478
Lane, John, House	905 Crawford St.	Vicksburg	19820506	82003116
Lassiter, W. W., Wholesale Grocery Warehouse	1308 Levee St.	Vicksburg	19940307	94000149
Luckett Compound	1116-1122 Crawford St.	Vicksburg	19830728	83000968

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Name	Address	City	Listed Date	Multiple Reference Number(s)
Magnolias, The	1617 Monroe St.	Vicksburg	19870226	87000217
Magruder-Morrissey House	1117 Cherry St.	Vicksburg	19840524	84002361
Main Street Historic District 1st	First East, Adams, Main, and Openwood Sts.	Vicksburg	19790416	79001340
Main Street Historic District (Boundary Increase)	Roughly bounded by Adams St., Main St., Cherry St., and First East St.	Vicksburg	19890105	88003088
McDermott House	1100 South St.	Vicksburg	19840712	84002359
Old Courthouse	Warren County Court Sq.	Vicksburg	19680523	68000029
Pemberton's Headquarters	1018 Crawford St.	Vicksburg	19700723	70000319
Planters Hall	822 Main St.	Vicksburg	19710621	71000459
Planters Hall (Boundary Increase)	822 Main St.	Vicksburg	19881021	88002068
Rose, Adolph, Building	717 Clay St.	Vicksburg	19921112	Vicksburg MPS 92001567
Shlenker House	2212 Cherry St.	Vicksburg	19831117	83003975
Snyder's Bluff	Address Restricted	Redwood	19730206	73001027
South Vicksburg Public School No. 200	900 Speed St.	Vicksburg	19860320	86000482
St. Francis Xavier Convent	1021 Crawford St.	Vicksburg	19770418	77000796
U.S.S. CAIRO	Vicksburg Military Park	Vicksburg	19710903	71000068
Uptown Vicksburg Historic District	Roughly bounded by Locust, South, Washington and Clay Sts.	Vicksburg	19930819	Vicksburg MPS 93000850
Vicksburg National Military Park	N and E of Vicksburg	Vicksburg	19661015	66000100

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Name	Address	City	Listed Date	Multiple Reference Number(s)
Vicksburg Public Library, Old	819 South St.	Vicksburg	19920730	Vicksburg MPS 92000857
Vicksburg Siege Cave	Near Vicksburg City Cemetery	Vicksburg	19730314	73001029
Walnut Hills	1214 Adams St.	Vicksburg	19820319	82003117
Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Depot	500 Grove St.	Vicksburg	19791113	79001341
Yokena Presbyterian Church	S of Vicksburg on US 61	Vicksburg	19840907	84002442
Young-Bradfield House	913 Crawford St.	Vicksburg	19820506	82003118
MS - Washington				
Arcola Mounds	Address Restricted	Arcola	19910103	90002118
Bank of Washington	120 S. Poplar St.	Greenville	19870716	87001209
Belmont Jct. of MS 1 and 438		Wayside	19720411	72000702
Finlay House	137 N. Poplar St.	Greenville	19820427	82003119
First National Bank of Greenville	Main and S. Poplar Sts.	Greenville	19780130	78003195
Greenville Commercial Historic District	Roughly Main St. from Walnut to Poplar Sts.	Greenville	19971010	97000235
Griffen-Spragins House	SW of Greenville off US 82	Greenville	19840405	84002445
Hollyknowe	SE of Jct. of US 82 and CR 299	Leland	19851010	85003004
Leavenworth-Wasson-Carroll House	623 S. Washington Ave.	Greenville	19800723	80002306
Linden N of Glen Allan	Jct. of SR 97 and 69	Glen Allan	19821112	82000581
Mount Holly	NW of Foote off MS 1	Foote	19730814	73001030
Old Delta Democrat Times Building	201--203 Main St.	Greenville	19820325	82003120

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Name	Address	City	Listed Date	Multiple Reference Number(s)
U.S. Post Office	204 N. Broad St.	Leland	19830421	Mississippi Post Offices 1931-1941 TR 83000969
Ward, Junius R., House	Old Hwy. 1	Erwin	19750428	75001060
Washington Avenue-Main Street Historic District	Roughly bounded by RR tracks, Yerger, Arnold Ave., and Cherry St.	Greenville	19840503	84002446
Wetherbee House	509 Washington Ave.	Greenville	19771028	77000797
Winterville Site	Address Restricted	Greenville	19730817	73001031
MS - Yazoo				
Casey Jones Wreck Site	1 mi. N of Vaughan	Vaughan	19730403	73001033
Deasonville Archeological Site	Address Restricted	Deasonville	19930429	93000299
Fairview Landing (22Yz561)	Address Restricted	Holly Bluff	19881214	88002699
Hart, Big John, House	Castle Chapel Rd., SE of Yazoo City	Yazoo City	19930701	93000580
Holly Bluff Site	Address Restricted	Holly Bluff	19661015	66000412
Home Place	2 mi. E of MS 433, S side of Midway to Ebenezer Rd.	Benton	19880926	88001584
Oakes, Augustus J., House	308 Monroe St.	Yazoo City	19930408	93000207
Ricks Memorial Library	310 N. Main St.	Yazoo City	19750918	75001062
Shellwood Site (22YZ600)	Address Restricted	Lake City	19860425	86000869
Yazoo City Town Center Historic District	Irregular pattern along Main, Madison, and Broadway Sts.	Yazoo City	19790416	79001342

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Name	Address	City	Listed Date	Multiple Reference Number(s)
LA - Madison				
Bloom's Arcade	102 Depot St.	Tallulah	19890119	88003214
Crescent Plantation	S of Tallulah off LA 602	Tallulah	19841018	84000144
Hermione	307 N. Mulberry St.	Tallulah	19981123	98001422
Kell House	502 N. Mulberry St.	Tallulah	19880623	88000900
Madison Parish Courthouse	Jct. of US 80 and US 65	Tallulah	19890221	89000044
Montrose Plantation House	SE of Tallulah on LA 603	Tallulah	19821005	82000444
Scotland Plantation House	903 Bayou Dr.	Tallulah	19821102	82000445
Shirley Field	Off US 80	Tallulah	19850214	85000270
Tallulah Book Club Building	515 Dabney St.	Tallulah	19911107	91001660
Tallulah Men's Club Building	108 N. Cedar St.	Tallulah	19911107	91001658
Thompson, Francis, Site (16 MA 112)	Address Restricted	Delhi	19911008	91001464

6. All of the project alternatives include presently cultivated areas to be reforested. These areas will be acquired as easements from willing landowners within the project area. In all cases, the easements will be limited to property located below the 100.3-foot Steele Bayou structure gage (equivalent to 100-year project flood stage). The types of property desirable for acquisition for reforestation are typically situated in the lowest elevations of the project area and are frequently inundated. This low-lying, frequently flooded, geomorphic trait of the lower Yazoo Basin extends back, predating the prehistoric occupation of the area. This physical feature has had a direct effect on human settlement and land use patterning for the region diachronically. Therefore, this trait will be integral to understanding and predicting the settlement and land use history for the study area. This key factor will be taken into account when the surveys are conducted to identify cultural resources within the selected alternative.

7. Once the project's final alternative is selected, an intensive cultural resource survey will be conducted over the property contained within the selected alternative and its Area of Potential Effect to identify all cultural resources. Survey methods will include remote-sensing technologies; e.g., satellite and low aerial imagery, as well as conventional ground truthing methods; e.g., soil coring, hand excavation, etc.

8. All identified resources will then be evaluated for their NRHP significance. If NRHP eligible properties are determined to be within the project areas rights-of-way or Area of Potential Effect, the effects of the project to the resources will be assessed. Efforts will be taken to either preserve the significant resources in place or mitigate appropriately for any adverse effects created by the undertaking.

9. The existing cultural resource data and newly generated data, as a result of the surveys, will be integrated into a Geographic Information System for analysis. This will allow for effective management decisions to be made throughout the life of the project, as well as serve as an important research tool for future studies.

10. Furthermore, should any cultural resources be discovered during implementation of the proposed undertaking, work shall cease in that area until an archeologist can assess the situation and initiate proper consultation under provisions outlined under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 USC 470).

ATTACHMENT 1

A CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY OF
THE YAZOO AREA PUMP PROJECT, ISSAQUENA
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A CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY OF
THE YAZOO AREA PUMP PROJECT,
ISSAQUENA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Introduction

On 15 June and 10 July 1981, Vicksburg District archeologists, Mary Ellen Fogarty and Kate Yarbrough, performed a cultural resources survey of selected features associated with the Yazoo Area Pump Project. The project area is located in Sections 11, 10, 15, 3, and 4, Township 17 North, Range 3 East, of USGS, Vicksburg, Mississippi-Louisiana, Quad (15 minute) (Figure 1).

Project Description

The tentatively selected project plan includes construction of a pumping plant located southwest of the Steele Bayou drainage structure in Issaquena County, an inlet channel about 4,000 feet long and 355 feet wide from Steele Bayou to the pumping plant, and an outlet channel about 6,000 feet long and 390 feet wide from the pumping plant to the Yazoo River (Figure 1).

The proposed project area is located in the Yazoo Basin, a physiographic subprovince of the Mississippi Alluvial Valley, which is a province of the Central Gulf Coastal Plain. The Yazoo Area is a large flood plain that contains oxbow lakes, swales, backswamps, and meander scars abandoned by the ancient Ohio and Mississippi Rivers and smaller rivers. Topographically, the project area is characterized by point bar and abandoned channel deposits. The project area is comprised primarily of bottom-land hardwoods.

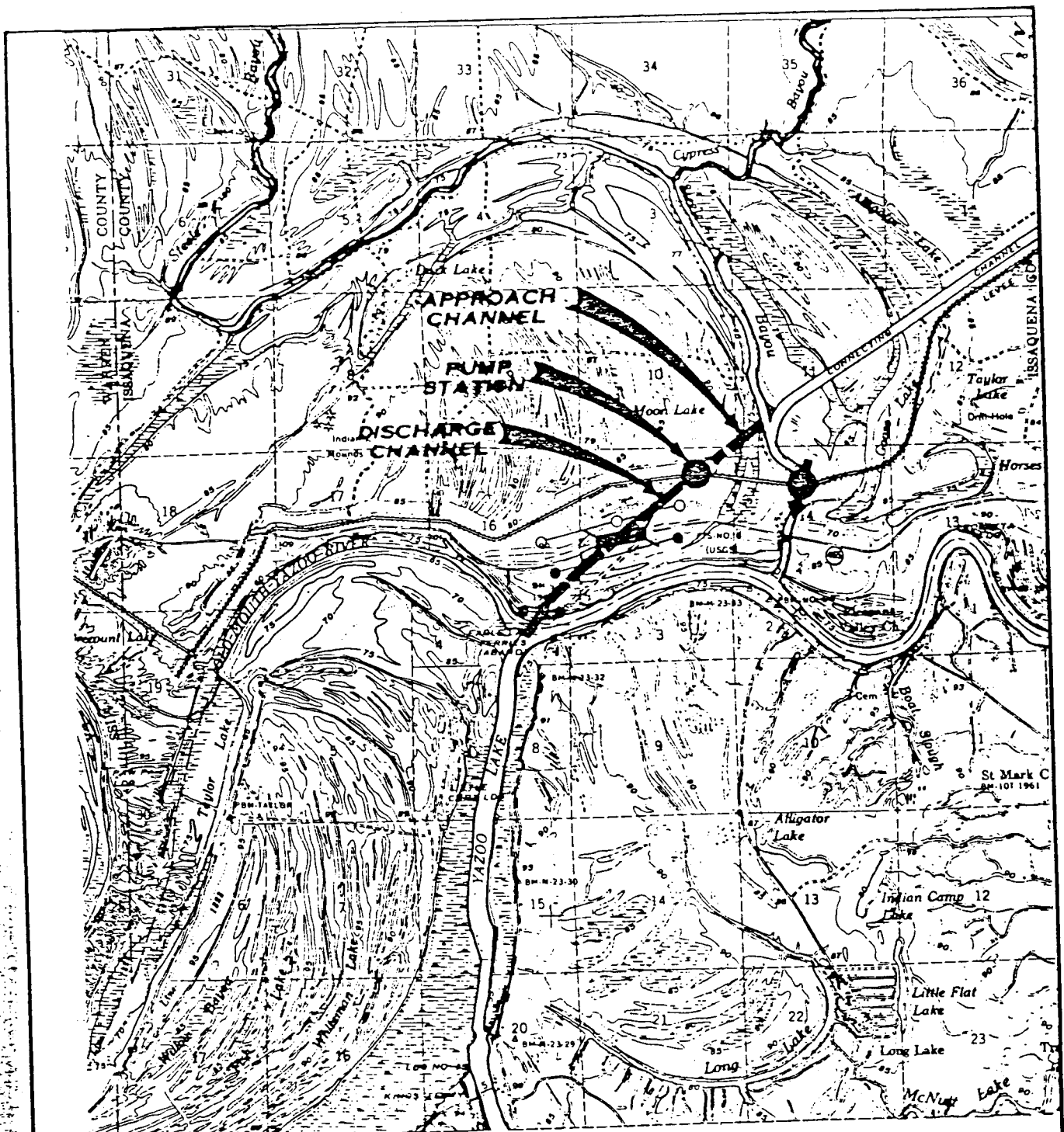
Survey Methodology

The National Register of Historic Places was examined to determine whether any sites within the project area were listed. None were found. State records were also reviewed to determine known sites in the study area. One archeological site, 22IS522, is located in the general vicinity; however, the site is not in the direct impact area.

An on-the-ground survey was conducted over the entire project area. Parallel pedestrian transects were undertaken for the length of the study area. Most of the project area was comprised of a forest environment of primarily bottom-land hardwoods. Wet flats and sloughs were also present in the study area. Areas between the low-lying regions were somewhat higher in elevation (approximately 90 feet, National Geodetic Vertical Datum). Areas south of the existing levee (approximately 100 to 200 yards) were characterized by tall grasses. These areas were previously used as fill for the levee and therefore were not examined for cultural resources. Survey conditions were poor; vegetative debris and standing water severely limited field inspection. An organic matting of decayed leaves covered almost the entire area. This matting was raked approximately every 30 to 40 meters to expose the ground. Special attention was given to the area of higher elevation. Exposed or eroded areas were also examined for cultural remains.


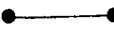

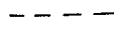
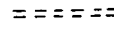

Survey Results and Recommendations

No evidence of historic/archeological sites was discovered during the survey. The absence of sites in the project area may be attributed to several factors. An obscuring mantle of forest growth may have concealed any cultural materials. This area frequently floods, and overbank deposition may have buried sites. Previous levee construction with borrow areas south of the present levee may have destroyed any existing sites. Because the majority of the project area consists of relatively low elevation, it is unlikely that these areas were ever the site of prolonged human occupation. It is recommended that construction activities proceed without adverse impacts to any cultural resources in the area. Should any cultural resources be unearthed during construction, work should be halted and the Vicksburg District archeologists contacted.



LEGEND

RELOCATIONS

- BRIDGE 
- POWERLINE 
- AERIAL TEL. LINE 
- BURIED TEL. LINE 
- ROAD 
- DRAINAGE STRUCTURE 

YAZOO RIVER BASIN, MISSISSIPPI YAZOO BACKWATER PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT YAZOO AREA PUMP PROJECT SELECTED SITE LOCATION MAP

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Figure 1